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It would seem clear that too much is asked of the reporting physician on the case report cards. He is, in effect, made an epidemiological and social enumerator by requiring of him information of a kind that should be gathered by specially trained enumerators on a definite, consistent plan. Primarily, the health department expects of the physician the prompt notification of every case of venereal disease which he attends. He is expected to give only that information which is necessary for the immediate needs of the department in its administrative activities. The suggestion is made, therefore, that this information should concern itself with the diagnosis of the case, the identity of the infected person (including sex, age, and color) and the specific source of the particular infection. All other information properly may be regarded as epidemiological and should be collected in the course of special studies by carefully trained investigators according to a well considered plan.

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### **DIVISION OF VENEREAL DISEASES.**

**CASES REPORTED, ADMISSIONS TO CLINICS, AND ARSPHENAMINE DOSES ADMINISTERED DURING FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1921.**

In addition to the 442 clinics represented in the following table, reports were submitted by 29 general hospitals and dispensaries, 6 State hospitals for the insane, and 23 correctional and penal institutions to which there were admitted 3,973 cases of syphilis, 3,861 cases of gonorrhea, and 442 cases of chancroid; 27,925 doses of arsphenamine were administered.

*Venereal-disease reports for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1921.—Number of cases reported by the State boards of health, number of admissions to the venereal-disease clinics operating under joint control of the United States Public Health Service and State boards of health, and number of treatments of arsphenamine administered.*

State.	Cases reported.				Admissions to clinics.				Arsphenamine treatments administered.
	Total cases.	Syphilis.	Gonorrhea.	Chan-croid.	Total admissions.	Syphilis.	Gonorrhea.	Chan-croid.	
Alabama.....	15,519	8,178	6,587	754	10,647	6,019	4,184	444	29,373
Arizona.....	324	84	229	11					
Arkansas.....	8,887	4,116	4,432	339	2,337	1,281	1,041	15	5,855
California.....	8,993	4,578	4,415		1,608	1,011	570	27	7,904
Colorado.....	3,416	1,228	1,963	225	1,887	840	894	153	4,378
Connecticut.....	3,624	2,343	1,281		1,423	727	664	32	4,206
Delaware.....	684	186	426	72	290	147	128	15	753
Florida.....	5,689	3,297	2,133	259	4,214	2,791	1,229	194	14,980
Georgia.....	8,998	3,598	4,941	459	4,956	2,739	1,928	289	14,301
Idaho.....	290	136	153	1					
Illinois.....	28,631	9,823	17,828	980	6,385	2,729	3,433	223	19,218
Indiana.....	5,457	2,540	2,801	116	4,749	2,051	2,553	145	18,117
Iowa.....	4,026	1,254	2,643	129	1,811	812	871	128	5,153
Kansas.....	3,372	1,519	1,828	25	1,633	1,042	583	8	5,092
Kentucky.....	24,651	14,947	9,467	237	4,120	2,293	1,766	61	15,469
Louisiana.....	10,330	4,106	5,000	1,224	4,270	2,207	1,730	333	10,370
Maine.....	1,726	545	1,161	20	519	347	171	1	1,645
Maryland.....	4,674	2,014	2,419	241	4,326	1,544	2,494	288	8,381
Massachusetts.....	9,572	2,781	6,791		5,908	3,635	2,262	11	39,497
Michigan.....	19,286	7,799	11,277	210	5,566	2,692	2,839	35	13,068
Minnesota.....	9,605	4,132	5,248	225	1,174	567	607		6,575
Mississippi.....	7,930	4,615	2,949	366	4,777	3,015	1,581	181	12,762
Missouri.....	10,251	4,245	5,431	575	6,344	3,256	3,019	69	11,346
Montana.....	1,465	534	928	3	133	92	39	2	890
Nebraska.....	6,739	2,139	4,205	395	1,267	517	608	142	4,619
New Hampshire.....	933	320	597	16	276	135	140	1	1,969
New Jersey.....	6,848	3,616	3,100	132	2,840	1,394	1,433	13	8,981
New York.....	34,626	26,819	7,801	6	7,994	4,277	3,469	248	38,352
New Mexico.....	577	159	394	24	87	32	55		108
North Carolina.....	7,342	2,505	4,499	338	1,583	953	539	91	6,475
North Dakota.....	1,131	291	831	9	147	67	79	1	511
Ohio.....	11,128	5,931	4,768	429	9,054	4,833	3,914	307	37,146
Oklahoma.....	6,669	3,123	3,146	390	3,117	1,672	1,280	165	16,634
Oregon.....	1,452	291	1,131	30	339	128	211		556
Pennsylvania.....	54,633	38,200	16,040	393	6,570	3,962	2,595	13	31,469
Rhode Island.....	7,493	5,506	1,979	8	832	510	322		8,262
South Carolina.....	12,159	5,967	5,467	725	8,279	3,945	3,733	601	25,422
South Dakota.....	788	208	559	21	110	64	44	2	179
Tennessee.....	6,143	2,885	2,945	313	3,363	1,994	1,157	212	9,471
Texas.....	50,685	22,006	25,653	3,026	8,062	3,626	3,456	980	15,744
Utah.....	1,026	248	761	17	257	103	146	8	734
Vermont.....	764	373	391		126	84	42		522
Virginia.....	6,657	3,139	3,244	274	4,693	2,617	1,911	165	14,373
Washington.....	4,228	897	3,179	152	1,045	449	592	4	3,949
West Virginia.....	10,262	3,594	6,313	350	539	395	135	9	2,367
Wisconsin.....	3,468	511	2,903	54	1,004	419	568	17	3,602
Wyoming.....	1,563	491	1,039	33	77	33	44		72
Total.....	434,704	217,817	203,281	13,606	140,738	74,046	61,059	5,633	480,651

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